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UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICIALS TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN SEVEN COMMUNITIES

MISSOULA--

The presidents of the six units of the Montana University System and the commissioner of higher education will take a message about funding priorities and other concerns of the state's public colleges and universities to Montana citizens in October.

They will hold public meetings in Great Falls, Lewistown, Havre, Wolf Point, Glendive, Miles City and Billings Oct. 7-10 and will tour western Montana later in October.

The educators initiated a systemwide approach to public higher education with a presidents' tour two years ago. The favorable response to that cooperative effort prompted the public meetings scheduled around the state in October.

University system officials making presentations on the tour are Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton of Helena and Presidents Neil Bucklew, University of Montana, Missoula; William J. Tietz Jr., Montana State University, Bozeman; Bruce Carpenter, Eastern Montana College, Billings; Fred W. DeMoney, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte; James H.M. Erickson, Northern Montana College, Havre; and Robert Thomas, Western Montana College, Dillon.

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Presidents' tour schedule of public meetings, Oct. 7-10:

GREAT FALLS--Sunday, Oct. 7, wine and cheese reception and presidents' presentation, 5-6:30 p.m., Great Falls Sheraton Aronson Room.

LEWISTOWN--Monday, Oct. 8, no-host luncheon, noon, Yogo Inn.

HAVRE--Monday, Oct. 8, reception and presidents' presentation, 5-6:30 p.m., Northern Montana College Student Union.

WOLF POINT--Tuesday, Oct. 9, no-host luncheon, noon, Sherman Motor Inn.

GLENDIVE--Tuesday, Oct. 9, wine and cheese reception and presidents' presentation, 5-6:30 p.m., Best Western Holiday Lodge.

MILES CITY--Wednesday, Oct. 10, no-host luncheon, noon, Redrock Village Bunkhouse Room, east of Miles City.

BILLINGS--wine and cheese reception and presidents' presentation, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Northern Hotel Rimrock Room.

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